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Mexico

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Mexico reiterates the need for a broader discussion on the subject and the related ideas. In Mexico's view, it would be very useful to hold an interactive debate in the First Committee or in other relevant forums or symposiums, in order to explore this approach and the related terminology.

Mexico has stated its full support for the measures proposed by other countries with a view to strengthening information and telecommunications security in the context of international security. Its commitment is borne out by its vote in favour of resolutions on this issue, such as the General Assembly resolution submitted every year for the last eight years by the Russian Federation.

Mexico has also consistently drawn attention in the Conference on Disarmament to the urgent need for the Conference to adopt a programme of work which includes as one of its main areas "prevention of an arms race in outer space", an issue linked to that of the vulnerability of space-based information and communication technologies.

Mexico supported the creation of a group of governmental experts, approved by resolution 58/32, and assigned an expert to participate in the group. The group prepared a report which, albeit not adopted, provided a useful contribution to consideration of this issue. Mexico supports extending the mandate of the group with a view to the preparation of a document containing general recommendations which will help carry forward discussions on the issue, and is of the view that further discussion and analysis of the issue could be undertaken by the group of experts when it is re-established in 2009.

Mexico supported the analysis of the issue undertaken during the World Summit on the Information Society and, at the Tunis phase of the World Summit held from 16 to 18 November 2005, joined the consensus on adoption of the Tunis Commitment, paragraph 15 of which reads: "We further recognize the need to effectively confront challenges and threats resulting from use of ICTs for purposes that are inconsistent with objectives of maintaining international stability and security and may adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure within States, to the detriment of their security. It is necessary to prevent the abuse of information resources and technologies for criminal and terrorist purposes, while respecting human rights."